

# Sandy newsletter

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## Message from Sandy City Police Chief, Steve Chapman

My main priority as police chief for Sandy City is the safety of its citizens. Last year Sandy City experienced 2,836 traffic accidents with two resulting in fatalities. Although tragic, when measured in reference to miles of roads, these statistics are low. But when loss of human life is involved, the cost is too high.

As citizens we lose thousands of dollars due to property damage and worst of all, we experience death on our streets because of traffic accidents that could have been avoided. I have had the experience throughout my career to witness the hurt and worry of drivers who have killed or injured someone due to negligent, improper or illegal driving. These tragic incidents are not easy to forget nor is it easy to forgive one's self for not driving safely or legally.

With the summer months coming, now is the time to have pointed and in-depth discussions with our youthful drivers. Please remind them of traffic safety and obeying all traffic rules. The most dangerous circumstance, and one most easily avoided, is not driving while under the influence of any alcohol or drugs. With preventive dialogue, hopefully we will not lose one of our teen drivers or younger children to a traffic accident.

As adults we need to look at our own driving habits and remind those in our families and employment to drive more carefully and cautiously.

The police officers who are



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trained to respond to these traffic accidents especially dread the duty of delivering a death notice. The duty becomes harder when it involves a child or youthful driver and the accident could have been avoided. The Sandy City Police Department is willing to help avert these accidents through education and traffic enforcement or other means, such as traffic trailers, to remind us all to slow down.

Once again, I ask the citizens of our great city to drive carefully and help remind others to do the same.

## Household Hazardous Material Disposal

Disposal of household hazardous waste down sewers, storm drains or in the garbage can pose environmental and safety concerns. Substances such as medications or old prescriptions are included as hazardous waste and should never be disposed of down the toilet or in the garbage.

Water treatment facilities do not test or treat for medications which can make their way back into public waterways. Old medications disposed of through the garbage can contaminate the ground or surface water.

These substances are now being accepted at the Hazardous Waste Disposal at the Sandy City Public Works facility, 8775 South 700 West. The materials are accepted on the second Thursday of each month through September from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m.

Other household hazardous waste such as antifreeze, batteries, oil and paint are accepted Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

## Sandy 4th Celebration

Plan on bringing the whole family down to the annual Sandy 4th celebration happening Friday, July 4 on the beautiful grassy South Towne Promenade between Sandy City Hall and the South Towne Center at 10000 South and 175 West.

The festivities start at 7 a.m. with a 5K Fun Run and the sanctioned 10K Sandy Classic. Early registration is available through the parks department at 568-2900. Then at 10 a.m., the midway opens with the Youth Arts Festival, rides, games, a variety of food and vendor booths, family fun demonstrations and the community stage with entertainment running all day.

Meet the Radio Disney Dancers as they perform at 10 a.m. and The Air



National Guard Band of the West Coast will perform from noon to 1 p.m. At 6 p.m. watch the parade and evening concert, then end the day with one of the largest fireworks displays in the valley.

Be sure to see the next newsletter for a complete list of events or log on to [www.sandy.utah.gov](http://www.sandy.utah.gov) for more information.

## Pine Scale Insect Taking Toll on Local Pines



Pine scale is having a devastating impact on pine trees in Sandy and is spreading throughout our community. Last year, most of the trees that were affected were of the Scotch Pine species. This year, more of the Austrian Pine species are being impacted.

Scale insects are small, slightly larger than pinheads, and come in a variety of species that choose ornamental trees and shrubs as their home. The pine scale currently seen in Sandy's parks is very resistant to most insecticides. These insects infest mostly lower branches of the trees, heavily populating the under side of the pine needles, and after a few months of feeding the branches turn brown and die. After two or three years of heavy infestation, the infected trees may die.

The best time to try and spray your trees for these insects is most likely in the first couple of weeks in May with a root soil injection of Imicloprid or Safari. This is the time of year when the eggs hatch and go out on their own to find their own pine needle. The best method to test is to hold a piece of white paper under a branch

that is infested and lightly shake it. If a bunch of little black dots fall on it and start moving around, it is time to spray.

The parks department has been treating trees in parks across the entire city.

## Meet the School Board Candidates

On May 29 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a "Meet the Candidates Night" at Canyon View Elementary School, 3050 East 7800 South.

This will provide the public with the opportunity to meet the school board candidates from District 3 which covers Alta and part of Sandy and Cottonwood Heights. There are currently 16 candidates running for the open position, so come out and decide who will earn your vote.

For more information about the school district transition process, visit [www.jordantransition.org](http://www.jordantransition.org).

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